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Rep. Spreitzer: Governor Walker's Budget Proposal Shortsighted

MADISON – Tonight Governor Walker introduced his 2015-2017 state budget. In response, Rep. Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) issued the following statement:

“Wisconsin needs a budget that puts families and economic opportunity first, and aims to strengthen our communities.

“Unfortunately, Governor Walker’s budget address tonight sounded more like a campaign speech than a proposal for how to address the top priorities for Wisconsin and the 45th District. While his speech glossed over details, the Governor’s proposal is very shortsighted and I hope Wisconsin’s future isn’t mortgaged for the Governor’s presidential ambitions.

“The Governor’s budget cuts funding for the UW system by hundreds of millions while mandating a two-year tuition freeze with no safeguards against skyrocketing tuition increases in year three and beyond. Funding for K-12 education is stagnant, while more money will be shifted to unaccountable private schools through vouchers.

“Wisconsin should be investing in our young people. We should educate and prepare them for the careers of tomorrow, and strengthen local communities to ensure Wisconsin remains an outstanding place to live and raise a family.”

Rep. Spreitzer and Wisconsin Democrats are focused on rebuilding a strong middle class, closing the skills gap and restoring economic opportunity for hard-working people in our state.

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